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FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS US SIDE WOULD LIKE DISCUSS REGARDING  
POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS AND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES CONTROL  
LAW.

### A. POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

1. HOW MANY POUNDS OF PCBS CURRENTLY ARE IN JAPAN? GIVE  
BREAKDOWN BY USE.
2. WHAT REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED OR PROMULGATED  
CONCERNING PCBS UNDER CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES CONTROL LAW OF  
JUNE 1974 OR OTHER AUTHORITY? (HOPE JAPANESE DELEGATION  
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COULD SUPPLY ENGLISH TEXTS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS.)

3. WHAT HANDLING, LABELING, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL REGULATIONS APPLY TO PRODUCTS CONTAINING OR CONTAMINATED BY PCBS? HOW HAVE THEY WORKED?

4. HAVE JAPANESE REGULATIONS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING AMOUNT OF PCBS ENTERING THE ENVIRONMENT? HOW ARE THEY ENFORCED? IS MONITORING REQUIRED BY EACH FACILITY? HOW MUCH DO THEY COST THE USERS? THE GOVERNMENT?

5. TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE SUBSTITUTES FOR PCBS BEEN INTRODUCED IN CAPACITORS AND TRANSFORMERS? CARBON-LESS COPY PAPER? OTHER USES?

6. WHAT TOXICITY, ENVIRONMENTAL PERSISTENCE, PERFORMANCE, AND COST DATA ARE AVAILABLE ON END SUBSTITUTES? WHAT HAS BEEN JAPAN'S EXPERIENCE IN USING VARIOUS SUBSTITUTES IN TRANSFORMERS AND LARGE AND SMALL CAPACITORS? PLEASE CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT; ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT; SAFETY OF SUBSTITUTES; SUITABILITY AND INTER-CHANGABILITY OF SUBSTITUTES FOR PCBS IN EXISTING PRODUCTS; APPROPRIATE RESTRICTIONS ON USE, HANDLING, DISPOSAL FOR SUBSTITUTES; MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

7. WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS ARE REQUIRED FOR REPLACEMENT FLUIDS?

8. WHAT FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IS DIRECTED TO EXISTING AND NEW SUBSTITUTES?

9. EPA NEEDS INFORMATION FROM JAPAN TO ASSESS STRATEGIES FOR REGULATING PCBS AND EVALUATING SUBSTITUTES. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT JAPANESE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES DURING FEBRUARY MEETINGS, NOT JUST DISCUSSION TO PREPARE FOR SOME FUTURE MEETING.

#### B. CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES CONTROL LAW

1. HAVE THE CABINET ISSUED A LIST OF "SPECIFIED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES" AT THIS TIME? WHAT CHEMICALS ARE INCLUDED OR WILL LIKELY BE INCLUDED?

2. WHAT PROCEDURES AND REVIEW PROCESSES ARE INVOLVED IN THE CABINET'S ORDER TO INCLUDE A SUBSTANCE ON THE "SPECIFIED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES" LIST?

3. WHAT KINDS OF RESTRICTIONS CAN BE IMPOSED ON AN UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHORIZED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE?

4. WHAT ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW? INGERSOLL

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